

LYDIA AVERY COONLEY WARD  
WYOMING NEW YORK

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Dear Mr. Lummis:

I have not willingly neglected your delightful letters but I have a bit of trouble with my eyes and temporarily must save myself. For years I have written fairly regularly for our village paper and I enclose a copy of the one just issued which I have not yet read over but I do hope the word about your songs will do good. I will do all I can for the books and I enclose check for \$15 for ten copies to be sent to me here, and sometime do come and autograph them. I am too happy for words that you have the satisfaction of doing this valuable work.

In haste truly yours

L A C W

October 31, 1923.

Lydia Avery Coonley Ward,  
W y o m i n g,  
New York.

Dear Mrs. Ward:

Thank you for your good letter and for the subscription for ten books, and check for same (which came tagging after with the next mail). The books will be sent you as soon as received from the printers - which will be in about three weeks; so that should be abundant time for Christmas, if that is in your thought.

I am very sorry you are having trouble with your eyes. I can sympathize, for my right eye has been blind with cataract for a long time, and I am soon to have an operation. I hope you will be relieved very soon, and permanently. Thank you so much for the word in the local paper.

It has been a great joy to me to be able after all these years to begin issuing these Songs, which I have so long collected, and I am delighted with their welcome - the first edition being practically subscribed before the book is off the press. I shall have to put on a second edition before the first is distributed.

With high regard and all good wishes,

Always your Friend,